Complaints alleging that the appointment was irregular and also levelling certain charges against the Director, Defence Estates alleging that another doctor was appointed in the Cantt. General Hospital against this vacancy were received. These were examined and found baseless.

Evolution of techniques and processes by the CSIR laboratories

3928. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study of the working of the CSIR laboratories and the new techniques and process evolved by them in their respective fields;

(b) what is the number of such new techniques and processes evolved by them over the years and the number, out of them, of those which have been adopted by industries for commercial use; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken to make working of the CSIR laboratories more efficient and purposeful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government had set up a committee in April, 1986, to review the functioning and working of CSIR and its laboratories. Besides this, the research programmes/projects undertaken by the Laboratories are formulated and their progress reviewed by the Research Advisory Councils (RAC) of the Laboratories, consisting of eminent scientists/technologists, senior representatives from the public and private sectors of industry etc.

(b) Over the years, the CSIR Laboratories have developed around 2500 new processes and techniques, of these 1750 have been licensed to over 4200 entrepreneurs for commercialisation.

(c) The recommendations of the Review Committee have since been received and are under examination. In the meantime CSIR has taken several steps to make its working more efficient and purposeful to potential users. These are:

1. Setting up better linkages with user industries, through close interaction with industry organisation viz. (i) Confederation of Engineering Industry (CEI) and (ii) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

2. Execution of Memorandum of Understanding with several industrial firms (both from the Public and Private Sectors), for joint development of projects of specific interest/need to the industry.

3. Making resource allocations to Laboratories, based on review of the programmes and performance, conducted jointly with representatives of industry, to ensure, that the R&D projects taken up by CSIR laboratories are of relevance to industry.

Impact of advertisements of youth

3929. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the impact of different advertisements telecast on TV on the viewers, especially the youth, has been evaluated:

(b) if so, what are the results of such study; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the advertisements being telecast now have a tendency to promote the sale of luxury goods among the public?